



The Burning Bush

News and information about growing God's children at
Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

Odessa, DE

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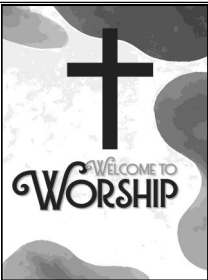
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We share a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities all.

Join us as we do God's work for the life of the world.



ALL are welcome here!

We hope you feel comfortable being your full self here. We trust you find compassion and forgiveness, joy and community, and love among us. Please sign in to let us know who you are. We'd love to get to know you, connect you with others, and accompany you along your faith journey.

ALL baptized Christians are welcome to participate in Communion here at Tree of Life. And please join us for fellowship following today's service!

We are called to serve

To volunteer to serve during worship, see Gene Zaiser or contact him at gzaiser@yahoo.com. We thank today's service volunteers: Nicky Zaiser, usher; Gene Zaiser, worship assistant; Sue Vetrano, altar preparer; Jean Schulze, fellowship provider; and Joe Schulze, offering counter. The offering for last week, May 24, was \$685.00. The average weekly offering for April was \$2,655.

You can serve the community and make a difference

** Knot Quilters and Project Linus Blankets - 10am to noon, normally on second Wednesdays.

Questions? See Nicky Zaiser and Janet Adams, respectively.

** Seamens Center - Donations of toiletries, snacks, socks, etc. at the Donation Station between the Narthex and the kitchen. *Questions?* See Gene Zaiser.

** Donations for "Our Daily Bread" - Pick up a list of food products at the Donation Station; and/or volunteer to serve a meal the first Wednesday of the month. *Questions?* See Sylvia Schill. Thank you!

** Pill bottle ministry - Place your clean, empty pill bottles in the box at the Donation Station. Bottles are sorted, counted and packed up for mailing to the Matthew 25: Ministries by our Kingdom Kids and Confirmands. *Questions?* See Pam Nichols.



Congratulations, Confirmands!

Last Sunday, Pentecost, we welcomed three new members to Tree of Life: (from left with Pastor Robbie), **Aleksandra Fratta**, **Liana Yetsko** and **Olivia Brill**. We congratulate them on successfully completing their Confirmation studies, and we join in celebrating their new life with the church.

We need workers for VBS, June 25-27!

We really do need volunteers to help out! There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Kitchen. There is also a sign up form to register children - preschool through preteen, available in the Narthex as well as on our web site.

Kids will enjoy winter games, as well as Bible stories, music, crafts, and discovering the gifts and strengths that God gives us at this year's Vacation Bible School. We will be the host church this year, in partnership with St. Paul's Methodist Church here in Odessa. The times are 5-8pm Thursday and Friday, including dinner; and 9am to 4pm on Saturday. A closing ceremony and cookout for families and the entire congregation will begin at 4:00pm.

A big Thank You to everyone who came out to the Townsend Fair yesterday to help man our table. The Outreach Committee is seeking to be present at all local festivals and fairs.

Let us pray for ...

Annalise Fratta, Beth Pugh, Bill Glass, Bob McCord, Chris Collett, Dan Radcliffe, Danielle Fangman, Darryl Dillard, Dee Matz, Donald Foraker, Dot Schreppler, Ed Bullock, Edwin Kruah, Elizabeth Schreppler, Elizabeth Zaiser, Erika Zaiser, Gary Letts, Jeff Mann, Jerry Campbell, Joe and Courtney Allen, John Bock, Le Vi, the family of Marge Brookes, The Newcombs, Nina Vaughn, Patrick Pileggi, Paul Schuler, Quentin Roach, Richard Ray, Sarah Schreppler, William and Winnie Brill, and Yvonne Cilento.

Let us also pray for those who serve and have served in our military; disaster victims and victims of violence and injustice everywhere; the health of our members and the world; our volunteers, church leaders, and Church Council; the people of Ukraine and the Middle East; and everyone grieving - may warfare and hate give way to peace and justice.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please leave a message at 302-378-3345 or email your request to treeoflifelc@verizon.net. Please give the full name of the person as well as your own name. It is also important to notify the church office when this person can be taken off the list.

Large print copies of the hymns now available

The Worship and Music Committee is making available **large print** copies of the hymns used during Sunday worship. These will include all of the hymns, plus the communion hymns.

Currently, there will be three copies available each Sunday. Look for the bright yellow folders on the ushers table.

Volunteer, participate, attend						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Sat
MAY 31 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00am– Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service	JUNE 1 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 2 10:30 VBS Planning Meeting	JUNE 3 10:30am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in Office 4:00pm - Our Daily Bread	JUNE 4	JUNE 5 10:30am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in Office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 6
JUNE 7 9:00am– Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service 2:00pm - Meadowcrest Worship Service	JUNE 8 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 9	JUNE 10 10:00am-Noon Knot Quilters 10:30am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in Office	JUNE 11 Noon - OWLS at Kiko restaurant in Middletown	JUNE 12 10:30am-1:00pm Pastor Robbie in Office 1:00pm-4:00pm Sec. Maria Gue in office	JUNE 13 1:00-4pm Lutheran Campus Ministry Summer Open House

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